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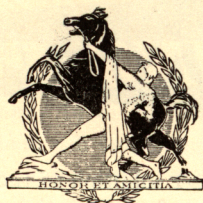
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## KEEPING POSTED

A VERY happy gathering of members were the guests of the Chairman and Committee at a cocktail party in the Club Room on Thursday, the 20th December, when the usual seasonal greetings were given and returned.

THE Chairman, Mr. John Hickey, was in his best form in his brief but witty speech. Especially well received was his reference to the Club's Christmas gift to members — the bringing of the second of the Club's new lifts into operation. After a few inaugural and test flights, the new lift is now in full service. The pair, with their fast, smooth operation and automatic doors, are a great improvement and a very real addition to the Club's assets—the patience of members in waiting for them has, in fact, been well rewarded.

THERE were a number of seasonal celebrations among members in the Club. One of the happiest was given by Bill Sellen, who made use of the Card Room to entertain a number of his friends on Tuesday, 18th December. The convivial friendliness of the occasion was increased by the particularly fine buffet arranged by the Club's staff, which included a magnificent schnapper stuffed and baked whole—a fish large enough to reduce the most ardent fisherman to truthfulness if he were fortunate enough to catch it.

LATEST addition to the super-elite of the motion picture industry is Colin Jones. He was recently confirmed in his appointment as General Manager of Columbia Pictures (Australasia). If you see him about the Club, congratulations are very definitely in order.

FRANK GOLDBERG must qualify as Australia's leading Travelling Salesman. Now on his sixteenth visit to England, he has spent a great deal of his life selling the story of Australia abroad, backing up his message with his own immense knowledge of business and markets in this part of the world.

DOUBLE congratulations to Tom Wallace, whose son, Bevan, recently became a father of a brand-new daughter. This makes Tom ten times a grandfather, believe it or not—with five granddaughters, five grandsons.

*BEVAN WALLACE will be here shortly, from New Zealand, stopping briefly on his way to England.*

FIRST day of the Club's summer fixture was a good day for Stan Lamond. He led in Artois, winner of the Carrington Stakes for South Coast owner, Mr. J. T. Morrow; Maurice McCarten trained the second horse, Aden, for Mr. T. C. Lowry, of New Zealand. As a contrast, the second day of the double found Stan without a single runner, a rare event for him. For once, he was able to relax and enjoy the racing.

## Happy Birthday to You!

### JANUARY

2 R. J. Burnham	17 G. V. Dun-
3 K. McKinney	woodie
J. O'Riordan	18 F. S. Martin
Alan Stewart	20 W. T. Ridge
A. E. Newton	Clive Dunlop
J. McKendrick	21 C. F. Viner-
5 H. E. Davis	Hall
T. J. Flitcroft	F. E. Ezzy
G. D. Schrader	22 J. Hunter
7 J. L. Geraghty	R. M. Kain
J. N. Dow	A. J. McGill
J. E. Sanderson	23 A. K. Quist
8 F. G. Spurway	H. R. W. Hum-
9 Russell Sharpe	bley
L. G. Kluver	25 D. F. Morand
10 J. A. Chew	26 A. C. Ingham
A. E. W. Sim-	W. S. Edwards
mons	Alec Williams
11 Col. T. L. F.	27 H. T. Matthews
Rutledge	28 A. E. Bavinton
13 T. R. Boyce	29 J. E. Head,
Len Kirkby	C. A. Arnott
14 W. C. Allen	30 R. H. Alderson
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### FEBRUARY

1 W. T. Wood	17 W. W. Rogers
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tenson	21 C. E. Fortescue
Bruce Chiene	22 Eric Steel
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Harry Plant	25 G. M. Nacard
7 Con G. Murray	N. H. Bishop
8 A. J. M. Kelly	26 S. C. Canfield
9 A. E. Crutten-	27 K. Holmes
den	28 S. Goldhill,
10 H. Bonomini	J. K. Monro
R. C. Brown	N. Wheeler
13 H. Norton	29 J. G. O'Brien

Members are invited to notify the Secretary of the date of their Birthday.

WHO was the punter who met Ken Ranger on the first floor one recent Monday, with a towel around his neck, asking for "a very light trim, please"?



**L**ATEST issue of the "Olympian," magazine of our affiliated Club, The Olympic Club, San Francisco, refers again to the increasing popularity of Rugby Union in California. The season for college football, the grid game, ends at Christmas, and quite a few of the stars then turn to Rugby. Since the war years, Rugby has been played there with unlimited substitution, and it is interesting to note that team-play has suffered greatly in consequence — an answer to the critics here who have occasionally suggested substitution as one of the ways to "brighten" local Union.

**T**HE three musketeers, Cap. Miller, Frank Ezzy, Frank Geddes have just arrived back from overseas, and appear to have enjoyed themselves thoroughly. Other members who have returned to the fold recently are Mick Zammit and E. J. Hazell.

**T**OM SMITH, Maurice McCarten, Dan Lewis, John Rogan

are among the members who will be at the New Zealand yearling sales, which take place this year on January 16 to 23. Each and all of them will be hoping to pick another champion — for N.Z. has presented quite a few champions to the Australian turf through these sales. There will be plenty to pick from, for the offering will be well over 400 juveniles.

**B**ILL LIEBERMANN is still sick, but showing some improvement. He is back at home, and in the city from time to time. His friends join in good wishes for his continued improvement.

**S**O many members crowded the house of Dr. Henry, son-in-law of Mick Nimenski, on the evening of the first Saturday of the New Year, that you would almost have thought it was the 4th floor on a Saturday night. This very happy party was given for one of the best of all possible reasons — to celebrate Mick's 25th anniversary.

**ARTHUR GREENHALGH** is a very popular man just now; he tipped his horse, True Leader, very freely in Newcastle and the Club to take the Sefton Handicap at Randwick on 12th January — and watched him win convincingly from Le Dauphin. True Leader has now had five wins from seven starts, and at the time of writing is favourite for the Challenge (26th January).

**A** V. MACKAY, down from Canberra, came back from Randwick to the house of the friends he was staying with to find a burglar calmly feasting on their New Year dinner. The affair took on all the flavour of a thriller at the pictures with the burglar producing a gun, but eventually being overpowered. Enough excitement to last Mr. MacKay the whole year!

**C**ONGRATULATIONS are in order! Murray Persson has just become the father of a brand new boy — his third.

## **EDITORIAL: Friendship**

*So many toward the end of the old year toasted "Friendship" that at the beginning of the new year we should get down to a more precise definition of the term.*

*We talk of our friends when we mean, in many instances, our acquaintances. It is one of those polite extravagances that survive, although often falsified by fact.*

*If you think otherwise, take the fingers of your right hand and count your friends; then discover how many continue on to the digits of your left hand.*

*Friendship is more than a cordial good-day, a surface geniality, a get-along-together-well feeling, a willingness to oblige, and "here's luck" over the bar.*

*Friendship is the masculine gender of love; it's*

*the rugged brother of what women regard as affection. Often it is not the giving of a great cheque, but the saying of a kind word — and meaning it.*

*A certain friend in things uncertain — that also is another manifestation of the cardinal virtue: Friendship.*

*The fellow who wrote, "When you're climbing the road of success may you never meet a friend," was half-philosopher, half-cynic. His reference was to acquaintances masquerading as friends — an oblique observation maybe; but such is the language of diplomacy.*

*The moral of it all is that when we pledge Friendship, one to the other, the obligation on our part and on the other fellow's part is to translate the term into the deed.*



# **Eddie Davis**

## **Wins "Winooka Trophy"**

**Last month, when I ended my notes on the competition for the "Winooka Trophy," we had reached the stage where only the final game was to be played. The finalists were E. E. Davis (scratch) and M. Sellen (18).**

**T**HE game was played on December 10, 1951, with George McGilvray as Umpire, and resulted in a win for Eddie Davis by 41 to 35. I must say it was a very meritorious and well deserved victory. Young Bill Sellen started off by giving it everything he had and tried to hit Eddie off the court with sheer speed, but you cannot do that to a player as experienced and cagey as Eddie and he was content to let Bill go ahead as hard as he wanted to and waited for him to make mistakes, which he eventually did and before Bill knew where he was, Eddie had practically caught up the handicap when Bill realised that he was playing the wrong game.

During this period both men had played very well and it was a ding-dong struggle, but having gained the initial advantage,

Eddie went flat out to the post and, in spite of stern opposition from Bill, kept up the pressure and went out a comfortable winner. A very good game played in the best spirit of our Club by two sporting opponents. Well done, both of them, and congratulations to Eddie.

It was pleasing to see amongst those who watched the game, Messrs. Joe Matthews (donor of the trophy), Sam Block and Peter Massingham.

Congratulations to our genial Secretary, Mr. Peter Lindsay, on a most successful competition, and to Fred Harvey, Geoff Eastment, John Dexter and the rest of the boys who helped to make it such a success.

### **New Competition**

Our Secretary is arranging the next competition now, which I

think will be for the Club Championship. All Grades will be catered for. "A," "B" and "C" and members can go into training at once. The Grade Handicaps will be posted at an early date.

### **Personal Notes**

Arthur McCamley, Peter Lindsay, John Dexter, John Gunton and Sam Block wish to thank Bill Kirwin for his Xmas thoughts. Bill gave each of them a Book in appreciation of their efforts for the Handballers and Swimmers. Thanks, Bill.

Seen at Randwick — at our Club Luncheon on December 29, 1951, John Gunton (handicapper for the Swimming Club) and Peter Lindsay (handicapper and secretary of the Handball Club). We wonder how the Swimming Handicaps will be early in the New Year.



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**M. D. J. DAWSON, Secretary.**



## BOWLING NOTES



# "Thanksgiving" to Double Bay

The main event of the past month was our annual "Thanksgiving Day" to Double Bay Club, which took place on December 13.

WE had as our guests nine rinks from Double Bay Club at Double Bay Clubhouse for luncheon, followed by a match in the afternoon. Our guests included Double Bay President, John Gaden, and Hon. Secretary Clarrie Coombes and Hon. Treasurer Stan Forsyth. Our bowlers were led by President Ted Dewdney, assisted by Vice President Jack Roles, and we were very pleased to have as further guests, Club Chairman John Hickey, Committeeman Frank Carberry and Secretary Dave Dawson.

After a welcome extended to the Double Bay Club by President Ted Dewdney and Chairman John Hickey, both of whom thanked Double Bay for all the kindness extended to us over the past year, we presented the Club with a cheque for £20 as a donation towards new furnishings now being purchased. President Gaden thanked us for the gift and emphasised the

pleasure of Double Bay Club at having us with them, and hoped the cordial relations now existing between our Clubs would always continue.

The staff at Double Bay provided us with a first class luncheon, after which we played our match, nine rinks a side, resulting in a win for Tatts. by 20.

Details:—Bavinton, Dr. Williams, Relton, Bloomfield (T.), 21; Triggs, Peardon, Norton, Forsyth (D.B.), 15. Dwyer, Monro, Peters, Hill (T.), 20; Jowitt, Jones, Tarlinton, Wadsworth (D.B.), 17. Abbott, Price, Fingleton, Kreiger (T.), 25; Dickinson, Whitford, C. Walker, Black (D.B.), 19. Saulwick, Glynn, Davis, Roles (T.), 21; Passmore, Hall, C. Coombes, Goldberg (D.B.), 22. Hole, Silk, K. Williams, Eaton (T.), 28; Murray, Chandler, Larkin, Bowker (D.B.), 22. Gibbs, Dewdney, Traversi, Broadbent (T.), 26; F. Samuel, Graham, Robertson,

Gledhill (D.B.), 15. Hathaway, Alderson, Primrose, Collins (T.), 23; Gillett, L. A. Harris, Allen, Daney (D.B.), 23. Ball, Pointing, Chatterton, McIntosh (T.), 21; Finlayson, Dunne, Drew, Bull (D.B.), 27. Wheeler, Cox, McDonald, Mahony (T.), 21; H. C. Walker, Bloom, Devereaux, Jackson (D.B.), 26. Totals: Tatts. 206, Double Bay 186.

It is interesting to note that of the 36 players representing Tatts., 16 are also members of Double Bay Club, and further, that 40 members of Double Bay are also members of Tattersall's Club.

Frank Carberry has intimated he intends to join our ranks in the New Year and he can be assured of a warm welcome.

Gordon Booth returns on the Himalaya at the end of December, arriving in Sydney about the end of January. We will all be happy to have this popular member with us again.

Hon. Secretary Bill Hole is busy arranging our 1952 fixtures and members will be acquainted at an early date.



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# Club's "Summer Double" at

## 1. The People

**On Carrington day the old year was making its final run, after which its colours would be transferred to an unknown, untried and unpredictable performer—1952.**

**T**RYING to pick the form of this colt would be like attempting to pull a winner out of the hat — and nobody attempted the task. All were content to wish that form unrevealed might prove as profitable as that revealed; that the dividends of 1952 would equal those of 1951.

More than that would be an unreasonable expectation, everybody agreed . . . So the crowds in the Official Stand, Paddock, Leger and Flat settled on that speculation. What else?

They looked through the Carrington chronicle from 1925, when Valicare won, to the present, and noted how the fortunes of individuals and of nations had fluctuated.

Men of affluence had been beggared by a depression, another world war had followed "the war to end war," and for the third time in our generation Europe was an armed camp.

So what? . . . Make the most of things as they are and hope for the best. Regulate your wagers according to the trend of the times.

Sportsmen who had been going long years to Randwick were talking that way from experience they had paid for — a logical interlude on a lush occasion.

Pointers to the passage of time were evident everywhere—

in the personalities looking backward to the year Abercorn won the Metropolitan — as Fred Wilson quoted among his memories at luncheon—in the horses recalled, in the discussions as to whether Carbine was greater than Phar Lap (and so forth), even as to the exact location of the great tree under which Sol Green used to field, in the recollection of the day Sol's colt, Comedy King, beat John Brown's Prince Foote, and Sol's addressing the crowd: "Gentlemen, today you saw the winner of the next Melbourne Cup" — as it turned out.

How long ago? Well, some members of the present committee of the Club were there in their boyhood.

Another pointer was the run-

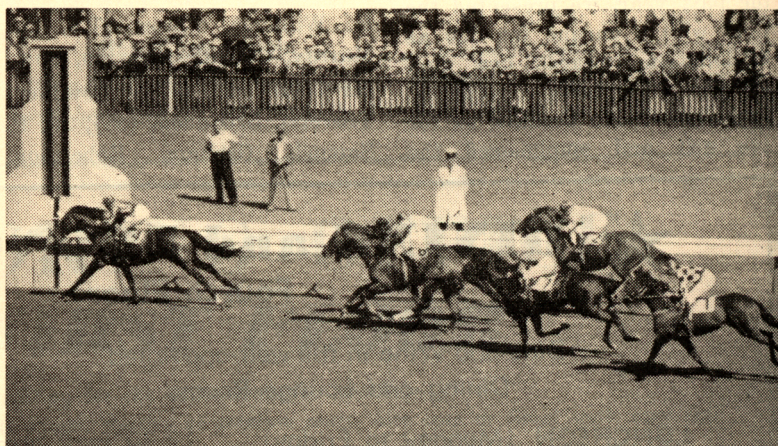
ning of the daughter of Flight, Brian Crowley's great mare. It didn't seem so long ago that Flight herself was taking on the best, including Bernborough. There now was her long-legged daughter carrying Brian Crowley's colours.

Clem Fader, looking on, might have recalled that he, among few in Tattersall's Club, had selected Flight to win the Derby. She didn't win, but Clem proved a good prophet of the mare's mettle.

W. T. Kerr wore his blue and gold tie (his colours) as he had running in his name Sea Story, half-sister of Modulation.

A little history recalled by those with long memories was that Mr. Kerr had bought Modulation on Peter Riddle's plea when Peter had not so much of the world's goods as came his way subsequently through the medium of Shannon.

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*Finish of the Carrington Stakes (6 furlongs), main event of the first day, Saturday, 29th December. Artois, ridden by A. Ward, wins convincingly from Aden by two lengths, with Hesdin a nose away third.*

(Photo.. courtesy "Sydney Morning Herald.")



# Randwick, Popular as Ever

## 2. The Horses

**New Zealand owners had quite a lot to do with result of Tattersall's Club Cup at Randwick on New Year's Day when Taressa beat Revenue and Sea Wolf.**

**T**ARESSA, a long shot — she went to the starting gate at 20 to 1—is owned by Sir James Fletcher and Mr. J. C. Fletcher, of "Alton Lodge" Stud, Te Kauwhata, while Sea Wolf is raced by Mr. M. J. Moodabe. Thus Dominion sportsman finished first and third.

Glorious weather favoured the club's annual fixture and the many thousands of patrons saw some excellent racing though the extra A.J.C. meeting day previous to the Club's Cup day brought about many scratchings. Nevertheless, winners were just as elusive for most punters.

Sea Wolf was a warm favourite for the Cup because he had shown such excellent promise at prior starts, including his second to Persist in A.J.C. Summer Cup. However, Sea Wolf was easily defeated into third place.

Taressa had been galloping in great style at Randwick and she compensated trainer Frank Dalton for failures in less exalted company. The filly looked in great order as she made her way to the starting gate but her looks apparently failed to impress most backers and she was almost neglected in the ring.

Taressa is a three-year-old

filly by Balloch (imp.) from Cairness and was bred by her owners. Cairness wasn't raced. She is by Tiderace (imp.) from My Own by Lord Quex (imp.) from Tressida by Tressady (imp.).

Cairness is a sister to Caithness, who won five races in New Zealand, including the Oaks and C.J.C. Metropolitan. My Own and Tressida both won Great Northern Oaks so Taressa has quite an interesting background on the dam's side. Balloch, her sire, also sired among other good ones, Vagabond.

Persist's penalty for winning the summer Cup, which sent her weight to 9.5, told its tale while Grand Monarch failed to see the mile and a half right out.

Time for the race, 2.31½, was second fastest in 10 years. Skip Bomber in 1949 ran 2.31¼.

First leg of the double, the Carrington Stakes, went to Mr. J. T. Morrow's five-year-old stallion, Artois, who led all the way. Mr. Morrow is a southern district's (N.S.W.) grazier.

The winner was capably ridden by Arthur Ward, who jumped him out smartly from the outside position but as there were only eight starters the barrier draw

didn't make any material difference.

The field was below quality of earlier years, even of recent seasons when gallopers of the calibre of Bernborough, Victory Lad and Delmestor were successful. Valicare's name is also on the winning list, while Greenline was twice successful with 9.13 and 10.5.

Topweights in latest Carrington were Rim Boy and Titian, both on 8.7, a rise of five pounds on their original imposts because others above them had dropped out prior to final acceptance.

Titian was a warm favourite but she didn't flatter supporters once the serious business began. The four-year-old mare was a bit slow off the mark, but it made no difference to the result.

Artois was fourth in betting order. He had shaped fairly well in the Villiers to the straight, a point not forgotten by his Carrington backers.

Club member Stan Lamond led in the winner, while another Club member, Maurice McCarten, supplied the runner-up, Aden, owned by New Zealander Mr. T. C. Lowry.

Artois a few weeks earlier had won the Camden Handicap at Randwick. His time for the Carrington, 1.11½, was up to average for the race and one and a half seconds outside the course record.



# A Little Stocktaking won't do Racing any Harm

**Probably there was a surfeit of racing over Christmas and the New Year, and this accounted for the slackening of interest among owners and the general public.**

**T**HE fact is, however, that by the time the S.T.C. came to race at Rosehill on January 5 only a moderate programme could be mustered up and the attendance was estimated at only 17,000.

On that evening, by the way, 19,500 people attended the trotting meeting at Harold Park, which seems to discount any idea that the small Rosehill attendance had anything to do with a money shortage.

A muddling sort of holiday on December 31 — State awards benefited from it, but Federal awards did not participate — came between the Club's two days.

The belief is that if there is a public holiday there should be a race meeting.

The A.J.C., and more recently, the S.T.C., were inaugurated for this precise purpose, and had the Monday holiday on December 31 been allowed to pass by there would have been some criticism of the clubs — and it would have been deserved.

It is disturbing, however, to see the gradual falling off in interest in the provincial fixtures.

Shut down by Act during the war, the provincial clubs had a long struggle for re-registration. There were many arguments put up against the return of these fixtures, and some of the interests in opposition had a strong voice in parliamentary circles.

Eventually the people most closely affected — the owners and the trainers, won their point, and the provincial clubs were resurrected with a blaze of glory

to provide the extra racing, the extra stake-money, and the extra betting opportunities which the stables claimed were necessary to finance the whole of the ramifications of the sport.

For a time things moved smoothly, and it certainly did seem that provincial racing was well on the way to become a very important part in the scheme of affairs.

All that now has been changed and towards the end of the year meetings on those courses fell away so much that some of the race days became mere ghosts of their forerunners.

Provincial officials say they, too, were affected by too much racing.

Hawkesbury Club was relicensed and increased the tally of days that had to be accommodated in the calendar year. Hawkesbury, by the way, did a magnificent job, as was expected. The old historic Club had been very patient waiting for the day when it could again function, and when the chance came, provided a standard of stakemoney that redeemed every promise the Club had made when urging for its licence again.

However, prizemoney does not mean everything; it helps, but there still must be the horses to compete for it, if a meeting is to be a real success.

And that raises the point of whether there are sufficient horses in training all the year round.

To look at newspaper reports of track gallops, one would say there were; to remember that

each year only portion of the horses bred at studs can be accommodated for sale at the Easter yearling sales also answers the question in the affirmative; to talk with trainers certainly would give the impression that there is no shortage.

If all that is right the fault for uninteresting race programmes and the consequent small attendance rests with owners and trainers themselves.

It rests on lack of planning and a proper placing of the horses in the available races.

There are horses which have been put away awaiting the big prizes of the autumn meetings in Melbourne and in Sydney which will do nothing more than clutter up the fields. They are not class enough to win and would be better out of the way.

Those horses, were they in work now, would help greatly to maintain interest in the mid-season fixtures.

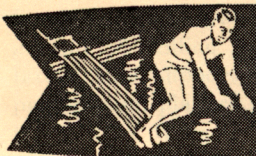
Of greater importance to the industry, they would be earning stakemoney and helping sustain the interest of their owners, who year by year make the yearling markets for the Breeders.

A little levelling out would make all the difference, and in case the belief is that racing has no threat in the public's popularity, remember that at Rosehill there were 17,000 people and at the trotting meeting at night there were 19,500.

Racing may still have to fight for itself at night; it is done in other countries, and those who say it should be done here may not be as radical as many think.

Any move on these lines would lead to a complete resurvey of the field.





## IN AND OUT OF THE POOL

### Exciting Tie for Month's Point Score

**An exciting finish saw Clive Hoole and Bill Phillips tie for the month's Point Score trophy, only a point ahead of Neil Barrell.**

UP to the last race of the series Neil Barrell had a lead of 2½ points and looked "odds on" for the prize but he and his partner, Vic Bulgin, could only dead heat for second in a heat of the Brace Relay, whilst Clive Hoole and Bill Phillips, who drew together, managed a heat win and a second in the final to split first prize on points.

It was a close go altogether, as Harry Davis, Bill Kirwan, Geoff Laforest and Sid Lorking finished very close to the place-getters.

Big event of the month was the traditional Christmas Scramble held on Tuesday, 18th December. Three teams of ten men each swimming 40 yards contested the big event, which proved a good go, Bill Williams' team winning from Malcolm Fuller's and Carl Phillips' teams.

The two leading teams received Christmas Cheer for each of their members but the ten men of the third team had to saddle up again for a handicap over six times across the Pool. As usual, this was a real thriller, Carl Phillips winning very narrowly from Arthur McCamley and Harry Davis, both of whom only raced under pressure.

However, all was well as all the Consolation Handicap starters were cheered up for Christmas with useful gifts.

It was a "cracker" lunch hour conducted in the regular Christmas spirit of the Swimming Club boys. Last word was

had by "Mick" Murphy, who thanked the officials for their efforts during the season.

For the splendid array of prizes the Swimming Club gives its best thanks to Messrs. Ken Ranger, E. E. Davis, Ted Martin, E. A. Davis, Ken Williams, Sam Peters, Lionel Bloom, A. J. Costin, Gersh Fienberg, Clive Hoole, W. W. Kirwan and George Goldie.

To all supporters and well wishers of the Club the boys of the Pool wish all the best of everything for 1952.

Congratulations go to J. (Bobbie) Adams on his engagement announced during the holiday season.

Best 40 yards times of the month were:—21 secs. by G. Laforest and W. B. Phillips.

After a short holiday respite, the swimmers were in action again on January 8 and there will be no other let-up until the season finishes about July next.

#### Results

4th December, 40 yards Handicap: 1st Division—G. Laforest (22), 1; A. K. Webber (26), 2; C. Hoole (23), 3. Time, 21 secs. 2nd Division—W. B. Phillips (22), 1; Neil Barrell (22), 2; G. Eastment (24), 3. Time 21 secs.

11th December, 80 yards Brace Relay Handicap: W. Kirwan and B. Chiene (50), 1; C. Hoole and W. B. Phillips (44), 2; H. E. Davis and K. Francis (43), 3. Time 49 secs.

18th December, 400 yards Teams Handicap, "Christmas Scramble": No. 3 Team (W. Williams, F. Harvie, W. B. Phillips, V. Bulgin, G. McGilvray, J. Shaffran, D. Wilson, T. M. Wayland, Neil Barrell, C. Hoole), 1; No. 2 Team (M. Fuller, captain), 2; No. 3 Team (C. Phillips, captain), 3.

Consolation "six times across" Handicap: C. Phillips (20), 1; A. McCamley (28), 2; H. E. Davis (22), 3.

#### November-December Point Score

Final result was:—C. Hoole and W. B. Phillips, 25 points, 1; Neil Barrell, 24, 3; H. E. Davis, 22, 4; W. Kirwan, 21½, 5; G. Laforest and S. Lorking, 21, 6; A. K. Webber, 18, 8; K. Francis, 17½, 9; J. Shaffran, 17, 10; J. O. Dexter and G. Eastment, 16, 11; P. Lindsay, 14, 12; M. Sellen and S. Murray, 13, 13; J. N. Creer and F. G. Harvie, 12, 16.

#### 1951-1952 Point Score

Leaders in this series for all points scored during the season are:—G. Laforest, 47½, Neil Barrell, 46, W. B. Phillips, 46, C. Hoole, 42½, W. Kirwan, 35½, M. Sellen, 34½, H. E. Davis, 34, G. Eastment, 34, J. N. Creer, 33, K. Francis, 32, S. Murray, 31, F. Harvie, 30, A. K. Webber, 29½, J. Shaffran, 29, S. Lorking, 27, G. Goldie, 27, A. McCamley, 25½, J. Adams, 25½, J. O. Dexter, 25, S. B. Solomon, 25, C. Emanuel, 24½, P. Lindsay, 23, V. Bulgin, 22½, K. Donald, 22, W. K. Sherman, 21½, V. Thicknesse, 21, B. Chiene, 20.



# ***Baseball was Nearly our Game for the "Ashes"***

## **DIVERGENT SUMMER GAMES OF ENGLAND AND AMERICA SPRING FROM SAME ORIGINS**

**Round about 1300, the farmers' boys and young city bloods of England were playing a game called stool-ball, which consisted of a batsman defending a stool from the balls thrown by the opposition, and running to a mark if he made a hit. This simple game had a particular popularity about Eastertime, with which it became associated, despite the disapproval of the clergy. From it developed the first matches of cricket on the one hand, and rounders or baseball on the other—and it's just a toss up that we chose cricket as our summer game, while the Americans developed baseball.**

**I**T'S rather interesting to speculate what would have happened if the choice had gone the other way; perhaps we would be battling out the Tests with the West Indies, or the Ashes with England, at a quiet, leisurely and dignified baseball — while our American cousins played out their World Series at a noisy, fast, highly-organised cricket. For, while they started out so much alike, undoubtedly the two sports have each been stamped with the individuality and genius of the people who play them and the spectators who watch.

But the two games still have this very important point in common: in their players and supporters they kindle a fervour and enthusiasm that is far more real and deep than that engendered by any other sport. In short, the average American feels about baseball much as we feel about cricket. That is why this writer approaches the subject with some humbleness, knowing how we might laugh at misstatements and mistakes of an American attempting to explain cricket.

From the first and original stoolball — which itself was probably based on some far more ancient game — cricket emerged as a recognisable sport by about 1590, being played then with curved bats. In the meantime, stoolball remained unchanged, but there was also a version of it in which the batsman ran around several stools to score, called quite simply, base ball. In America, all three games were played; there is a record of Governor Bradford objecting to the play in New York on Christmas Day of 1621 of base ball or crickett. Similarly, a certain Reverend Wilson was objecting in Maidstone, England, to the playing on Sundays in 1700 of crickett and base ball. About 1800, a variation of this baseball, called "rounders," and rather nearer the modern game of baseball in its rules, was popular on both sides of the Atlantic.

And that is just about when the divergence took place. In England, "rounders" remained as

a casual child's game. In America, "rounders" increased in popularity, and in 1838 rules were drawn up that show the further development of the modern game, including the running of the batsman counter clockwise — up to that time, he ran clockwise, very awkward for the ordinary right-hander. Although the name "rounders" had predominated for forty years, the name baseball (with an alternative "goal-ball"), was returned to. In 1845, the Base Ball Club of New York was formed, and there were further changes in the rules. Up to that time, it had been necessary to hit the running batsman with the ball between bases to tag him out; the new rule put him out if he were touched by an opposing player who held the ball in his hand, or in certain cases he could be out if the opponent "forced" by touching the base toward which the batsman was running, while in possession of the ball. In 1869, the first all-professional team was formed—the Cincinnati Red Stockings, who won 39 out of forty games on a national tour. Baseball became a spectator as well as a player-sport and gradually took on the form it has to-day, when professional players may earn up to 100,000 dollars a year.

Baseball in America now has two major leagues — the National Association and the American League, with 59 minor



Leagues. Each year, there are around 70 million paying spectators who support some 2,000 professional players and the extras. Then there are thousands of enthusiastic amateurs. The whole roost of baseball is ruled by a single appointed commissioner. Outside of America, baseball is played in Canada and Cuba — and there is a flourishing colony in Australia.

Baseball is played between two teams, each of nine players, on a field containing four bases; most simply put, the object of the batting team is to hit a pitched ball and to advance

around the bases — the object of the opponents is to prevent them and to put them out under the rules, and then to bat in their turn.

The field is about two acres in size. In one corner is marked the "diamond," a square of 90 ft. sides. Across the corner that also forms the corner of the field is home plate, a rubber mat 17 in. by 15 in.; in each other corner is a plate 15 in. square, called first, second and third base respectively, counting counter-clockwise. The pitcher's mound and plate is in the centre of the "diamond." Lines are

marked to form continuations of the two sides of the diamond that make a "V" on either side of home plate, going right to the boundary of the field. Balls hit within the arms of the V are fair, those to left or right — or behind — are foul.

The nine-man team consists of Catcher, who stands behind the player at bat and takes the missed balls rather like a wicket keeper. Pitcher, who throws the ball according to the rules, to the player at bat. First, Second and Third Base who, with Short-stop covering the position between second and third plate, make up the "Infield." The "Out-field" consists of Left, Right and Centre Field who, as their names suggest, cover the balls hit beyond the diamond. Pitcher and Catcher are commonly known as the "Battery."

As for the implements of battle, the ball is a hard one, weight 5 oz., the bat must be no more than 42 in. long, with a maximum diameter of  $2\frac{3}{4}$  in. 32 in. to 36 in. is more usual, with weight of one ounce per inch — top players have their bats made specially to suit them.

The players of one team bat in succession until three men are put out; each endeavouring to advance right around the bases back to home plate — to count one run. The fielding side tries

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*Typical bit of play in baseball: Dodgers' Billy Cox has hit a bunt, thrown away his bat, and started for first base. Catcher Seminick, pretty quick on the getaway, has snatched off his catchers' mask and is racing to the ball so that he can get Cox out, and still have time to get out the team-mate that Cox's short hit was intended to protect. The umpire also races after the ball to see that all's fair, or nearly so.*

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# SUMMARY OF SPORTS

## CRICKET

**O**UR West Indian cricket visitors found their true form just too late to make the struggle for the Test "ashes" as keen and exciting as was first expected.

They failed to beat Australia in the crucial fourth Test solely because their temperament cracked under the strain of a fighting finish.

Brilliant stroke players and light-hearted cricketers when fortune was with them, the West Indians seemed unable to play the type of cricket on which Australia has built its world supremacy.

Only stout-hearted Gerry Gomez and the imperturbable and skilful lefthander, Alfred Valentine, could match our players in the "tight" spots.

Valentine has proved himself one of the greatest left-arm bowlers to play on Australian wickets.

He has shown us superb command of length and unusual ability to spin the ball, particularly when the pitch gave assistance.

Gomez is the "battler" of the side. Time and again, from the start of the tour and right through the Tests, he has come to the rescue when more famous stars have failed.

Unfortunately for the West Indians their best batsman, Everton Weekes, injured a leg in the first Test at Brisbane when fielding, and he has been troubled by it since.

Able to play only in the Tests,

and handicapped in his footwork by the tightly-strapped leg, Weekes, nevertheless, has produced some fine innings.

Reminiscent in many ways of Bradman, in his speed of foot in getting to the ball and the vicious power with which he despatches anything short to the fence, Weekes will leave a memory behind with Australian enthusiasts.

The more graceful and fluent Worrell lost confidence in himself early in the tour, and could not display the full range of his remarkable stroke production.

He helped materially in the victory at Adelaide, and at Melbourne, in the fourth Test, scored the only century for his side in the series to that stage.

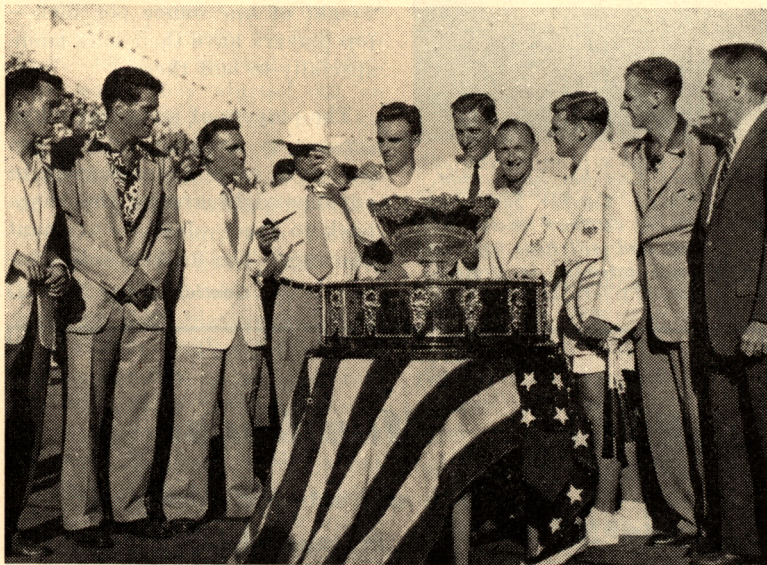
Another star, Clyde Walcott, was troubled by a back injury throughout the tour, and was not available when the battle for the ashes was at its keenest.

Sonny Ramadhin mystified Australian batsmen early on with his clever flight and spin, was temporarily knocked out of the firing line by Miller and Hassett, but remained a powerful attacking force when backed by first class fielding.

Defeated in the third Test, and able to win the first and fourth Tests only after hard struggles, Australia came out of the series with greatly diminished prestige.

It became apparent early in the season that reconstruction on a big scale will be needed during next summer, when South Africa tours, if the Ashes are to be held during the tour of England next year.

## FINE SPORTSMEN IN DAVIS CUP SERIES



From left to right: M. Rose (Aust.), P. Savitt (U.S.), I. Ayre (Aust.), F. Schroeder (U.S.), V. Seixas (U.S.), F. Shields (U.S. Capt.), H. Hopman (Aust. Capt.), F. Sedgman (Aust.), K. McGregor (Aust.), T. Trabert (U.S.).  
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# TOPICS

## *in 60-second sketches*

### TENNIS

**T**HE Davis Cup Challenge final played in Sydney between December 26 and 28, had much background interest.

Not the least interesting was the fact that the Cup issue now shares with the historic Melbourne Cup race, the honour of taking Australia's name in sport into more countries of the world than any other sporting event in the Commonwealth.

Sixty countries, linked to Sydney by radio, heard Australia defeat America by three matches to two. The same number of countries arranged a radio tie-up with Melbourne each year for the Melbourne Cup broadcast.

The Davis Cup can, therefore, be regarded as one of the most famous sporting events of the year, and credit redounds to the Sydney organisers for the manner in which they staged the event.

It was a costly venture necessitating an outlay of over £40,000 to stage the fixture, and to meet the expenses, admission charges were records for tennis in Australia. The attendances averaged 15,300 daily, the greatest number of spectators to witness the Davis Cup anywhere in the world.

Whilst final accounts will not be completed for some time, estimates of responsible officials are that Australia and America will each net about £15,000 from the receipts. From this amount the expenses of the American team for portion of its time in Australia must be met. This could involve the United States Lawn Tennis Association in a tidy handout as each member of the

team received £70 a week while away.

It was not all profit to the players, however, as they paid some of their personal expenses and money was remitted to their families in America.

But they finished up highly paid amateurs by being able to recoup some of their personal expenses in payments for exhibition matches after the Davis Cup, and for their appearances in the New South Wales and Victorian championships.

The Australian team, whilst not so highly paid, as it was not travelling, had no cause to grumble. Tennis is to-day such a huge business undertaking that its stars are rewarded handsomely.

The Davis Cup was not retained by Australia until the fifth match.

Australia and America each

used a three-man team, a departure from post-war practices.

Frank Sedgman, Ken McGregor and Mervyn Rose represented Australia and America's players were F. R. Schroeder, Vic Seixas and Tony Trabert.

With the exception of Rose and Seixas the players had all appeared in Davis Cup matches, and thus the strain before the challenge opened was particularly severe on Rose and Seixas. They had experienced the unusual in that both were selected for their countries for the first time in a Davis Cup match and in the Challenge final, the most important Cup fixture of the international tennis year. Few players in the tennis sphere have been subject to the same pre-match ordeal as these two as most have made their debut in less important and certainly not so nerve-wracking zone rounds.

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## SPORTS TOPICS—From Page 13

Rose was destined to lose both his singles matches, but the experience will be invaluable. He had earned his place as a singles player; the occasion "tied him up," but he will be a different proposition in his next Davis Cup match.

Because of the excitement and tenseness engendered by the close fight, the standard of play received little mention. It did not reach the heights of finals played in open tournaments in Australia this season, and developed not into a battle of stroke players, but into a struggle in which the player with the experience and the steadiest nerve reaction prevailed.

Hence when Frank Sedgman met Vic Seixas in the deciding singles, the odds were all in favour of the Australian who was able to bring into play his experiences from overseas tours.

Seixas tried hard but Sedgman had the answers and a match which might have developed into a keen battle deteriorated until it merely became a question of how long it would take Sedgman to win.

America's team captain, Frank Shields, was not disappointed with the result. This fine sportsman, one of the best ever to lead a team in this country, endeared himself to the press representatives and radio men so much that several presentations were made to him during the match.

Responding, Shields struck an unusual note. "Before I left America and when I reached Australia, certain people warned me against newspapermen. I think you men should be warned against them. No man let me down here, something I cannot say of men in other sections."

The scores in the match were: V. Seixas (U.S.A.) beat M. Rose

(Aust.), 6-2, 9-7, 6-3; F. Sedgman (Aust.) bt. F. R. Schroeder (U.S.A.), 6-4, 6-3, 4-6, 6-4; Sedgman-McGregor bt. Schroeder-Trabert, 6-2, 9-7, 6-3; Schroeder bt. Rose, 6-4, 13-11, 7-5; Sedgman bt. Seixas, 6-4, 6-2, 6-2.

### INFLATION

**J**UST one more sample of inflation. Athletes chosen for the 1948 Olympic Games in London had to give a written undertaking that they would not turn pro. for two years after the Games.

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## CLUB'S MEETING

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Percy Miller decided to dispose of Modulation, being trained by Peter Riddle. Having little prospects then, Peter approached W.T.K., and he made the purchase for no other reason than to give the trainer a lift.

Not to be forgotten either is that Modulation proved a great galloping companion for Shannon. How much W.T.K.'s tolerance in this respect contributed to Shannon's form and the fortune of Shannon's owner should be easily estimated by those with long memories.

Fred Wilson was wished many happy years in retirement — genuine wishes for Fred has made legion friends in his 52 years' association with the A.J.C., the majority as handicapper.

He met in that time great sportsmen, men whose names have become legendary, and he weighted horses that must be ranked among Australia's best of all time.

Fred did not satisfy everyone at every time, but that was not to be expected. At the end, everyone was satisfied as to his fairness and his fearlessness in a terrific and, more or less, thankless task.

Bob Carter looked himself again. He had gone from Sydney to his country property at the height of the bush fires, had given a hand in rolling back the wall of flame, and had given in only on the point of exhaustion.

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Admiring eyes were cast on Jack Shaw's filly, Nizamvale, by Nizami from Idavale, a runner in the Two Year Old Novice Handicap on Carrington Day. Jack may have something here.

Nizamvale is a happy combination of the sire-dam names, of which too many are in the category of the awful. Names are hard to get, but not so hard as all that.

One Club member, who need not be named, was chanting after Wonga Wood had failed to win: "Wonga, Wonga, Wonga, why did it leave the Congo?" Still, Wonga Wood is only a two-year-old, is well-bred (Felcrag-Dal), and may go places.

Thunder God's two wins were not before their times, but, they proved the mettle of that finely bred and aptly named horse (Ajax-Volley), and rewarded a sporting owner — Mrs. A. C. Nagel, widow of "Bunny" Nagel, prominent patron of the turf in other seasons.

Gordon Nagel, son of the owner of Thunder God, had good collects on both occasions. His colours are carried by Colonel Winter.

One of Randwick's most breathtaking finishes of the year was that in which Valiant Lee, raced by Mrs. J. Dunning and W. Goswell in partnership, prevailed over Alan Cooper's Tea Towel.

Club members were farewelling John Herries, due to leave on an overseas business tour.

Bernie Stapleton, fresh from the Davis Cup matches, said he

wished all winners were as easy to pick as was Sedgman.

Exciting attention on Cup day: Fred Paul's tie.

Discussions on Cup prospects varied. Norman Wheeler backed the favourite but decided to save on Grand Monarch. Why? Story was that Grand Monarch's connections had favoured their horse for the Villiers-Summer Cup double. Grand Monarch ran well in those events.

Cecil Manion joined the group and said: "Nobody should overlook Taressa. My information is good."

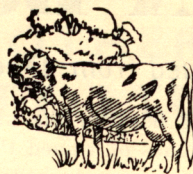
Some were asking how many years Frank Underwood had been attending Randwick. The answer would need to come from a veteran as Frank appeared first on the scene as a boy of 12 years in the company of his father — and that's over 60 years ago.

Among guests at the official luncheon on Carrington Day and Cup Day were members of the A.J.C. Committee, S.T.C. Committee, City Tattersall's Club and Newcastle Tattersall's Club, with all of which organisations our Club has maintained cordial relations over the years.

We wish them all the best in 1952.

Guests and members were received at the entrance to the dining hall by the Chairman (John Hickey) and the Treasurer (John Roles), both of whom, in association with members of the committee and the Secretary (Dave Dawson), planned and directed a meeting which, Randwick regulars said, was a highly creditable performance in smooth organisation.

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Mussolini, passed it by. Life became precarious for the San Marinense, when a casino was opened recently in the walled city on the mountain top for the Italian Government resented the innovation. Accord has been reached and the casino is closed.

A garage for three thousand cars at the end of the Autostrada to Venice. It is full and tourists are clamouring in half a dozen languages for accommodation. One must join the throng, for it is not practicable to go off in a motor launch seeking a hotel. Fruit vendors in gondolas, the pigeons of the Piazza San Marco, debris in shallow canals, the gloomy renaissance pictures of the Accademia, The Lido, beach resort of Venice. Soon it will be deserted, for here the visitor comes only in season.

Trieste, once Austrian, once Italian, was a thriving city even in Roman times. Its great beauty has been untouched by war and its promenade by the water's edge is one of the finest in Europe. The language and way of life is Italian, although Yugoslavia as a victorious nation, claims Trieste for her own people. Certainly there is a Yugoslav minority, while Austrian influence is almost negligible. One feels that the sympathies of the Military Government are with the Italians, and that all other claims will be drowned in a wave of Italian irridentism.

From Klagenfurt to Vienna, the road is a British route passing through Russian occupied territory, of which the frontier is near Semering, a former delightful mountain resort, now sadly dilapidated and war damaged, for here Austria afforded some resistance to invasion. The countryside, another Swit-

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zerland, displays mountain streams, pine forests and antler decorated hunting lodges. Visitors are few and the stares are mutual as one regards the national attire of leather shorts, grey jacket with green piping and jaunty hat with tuft of hair and emblems of the chase. Maria Zel, Leoben, Kapfenburg, Bruck. They are unchanged from the days when a shot at Sarajevo changed the course of history. Dinner in Graz at the Rosenheim. An oriental dish, Balkanische Pyramid, kebab of meats on skewers served flambe, followed by a dessert of fresh peaches marinated in a '35 Tokay.

The ruins of a city which once rivalled Paris, capped grotesquely by the bizarre mosaic of the restored roof of San Steffi. A red flag above an Emperor's Winter Palace and the propaganda of East and West side by side in the show windows of Karntner Strasse. The recoco decor of Schonbrunn, where Franz Josef lived and died. Oriental rooms, Lacquer rooms, Empire rooms; the ponderous porcelain bedroom necessities of a bygone era. The unhappy people of a nation ruined by a turn of fortune's wheel. Occupied by Hitler, then by Russia, no matter what happened, the Austrians had to be losers.

A hotel fragment, just by Dachau Street, of twenty rooms, the rest a shell. The floors uncarpeted, the walls seared by cracks. This was once the heart of Munich and that weed-covered heap of rubble was the Nazi Brown House. The West German cities are the new wild west frontier of the world.

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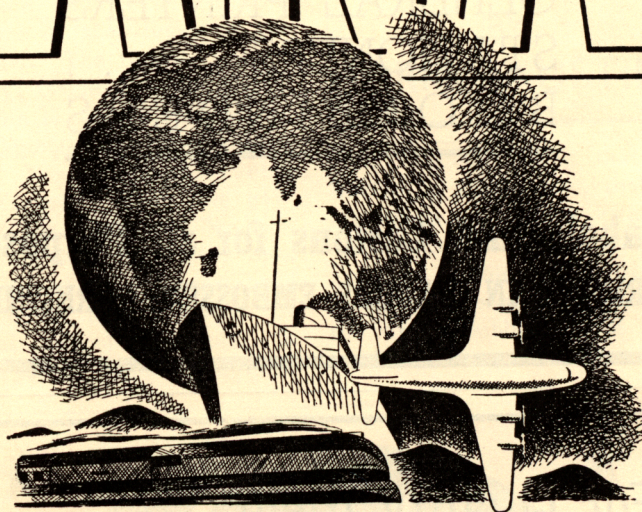
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hustle and bustle of reconstruction. Chain stores and diesel cars. Strange three-wheeled vehicles. Soldiers of the occupation forces. A picnic for foundlings in the park beyond the ruins of Heidelberg Castle. Pigsnuckle and Sauerkraut with dark Munich beer. Vast platters of food in a crowded restaurant. Can this really be Germany? The concentration camp of Dachau. "Never again" is the title of the descriptive pamphlet. There is no exaggeration. Dachau remains as it was and the soldiers who guard this monument to a nation's shame are Germans.

The simple severity of Cologne's tall Gothic Cathedral still standing in a city almost completely destroyed. Essen, seemingly less damaged than Cologne. Berlin's Kurfurstendamm, surprisingly with some of its pre-war elegance. The camouflaged facades of its building strangely reminiscent of painted stage drops. The unique glass showcases at intervals along the very wide footpaths. Thousands of acres of ruins, a reminder that modern warfare causes almost complete destruction. The vacant lots and weeds by the Friedrichs Strasse in the Russian Zone. Just as though all the buildings of the Pitt Street area from Martin Place to Park Street were gone.

London once more and the long flight southward. Cairo, Karachi, Calcutta, Singapore, Djakarta, Darwin. Heliopolis to Gaza by taxi; the pyramids silhouetted against the moonlit sky. Cairo strangely quiet and tense. Dinner in Karachi. Why not the dishes of Pakistan instead of the forlorn mutton and watery vegetables? We come into Sydney from the West. Behind the barriers at Mascot, people are waving.



The Magazine 21 Years Ago

# Looking Back on Tattersall's Club

★ January, 1931

**NINETEEN HUNDRED** and

Thirty-one, the second of the "depression years," found the Club facing the difficult circumstances of the times with humour and equanimity. Membership had been steadily increasing since the new building was opened, and the Committee in 1931 was still seeking the sponsorship of new members. Just now and again references to the depression crept into the pages of the Magazine. One such, in January, 1931, refers to the poor attendance at the Club's New Year Meetings, but the actual figures are not given.

*THAT was the year that Jey-pore won the Club Cup — repeating his success of 1930. It was a good performance, with 8.8 up; Spearman was second, Voleuse third.*

**M**EMBERS were particularly disappointed that Starlike, a class performer owned by the Chairman of the great years of the Club's development, Mr. James Barnes, failed to win the Flying Welter of 1st January, 1931.

**I**N the swimming, Stan Carroll still held the lead over K. Hunter for the Dewar Cup, by one point. The 40-yard Christmas Scramble saw W. K. Garnsey first — and Stan Carroll, who, it was suspected, had received a tip, winner for "lasts." On January 9, Interstate contenders for the National swimming titles were entertained in

and out of the pool. Hans Robertson, Club champion, won a heat of the N.S.W. title.

**T**HE Golf Club held their December, 1930, outing at Elanora. An innovation was a mixed foursome competition, won by Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Betts. There was also a four-ball best-ball, with W. McDonald and F. V. Richards, the successful pair.

**P**ERSONAL notes of January, 1931. Congratulations to Dr. Evatt on his appointment to the High Court bench; and similar congratulations to Mr. Justice McTiernan. Bill Longworth was back after nine months abroad. E. J. Tait and Mr. Leslie Barnett gave a party after the Club's New Year meeting.

## OBITUARIES

J. W. ANDERSON,  
Elected 23/8/1943;  
Died 8/12/1951.

S. R. COWARD,  
Elected 12/12/1947;  
Died 8/12/1951.

C. G. MURRAY,  
Elected 14/8/1922;  
Died 13/12/1951.

C. J. LEWIS,  
Elected 16/12/1946;  
Died 23/12/1951.

H. J. HOGGAN,  
Elected 3/2/1930;  
Died 25/12/1951.

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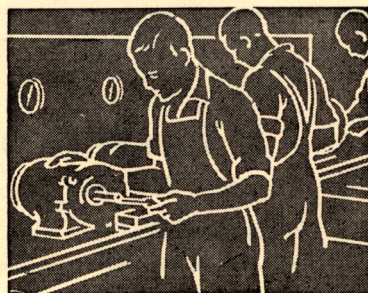
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### JANUARY

Sydney Turf Club ..... Sat. 19  
(At Canterbury Park)  
\*Australian Jockey Club ..... Sat. 26  
\*Australian Jockey Club ..... Mon. 28  
\*(Anniversary Meeting)

### FEBRUARY

Sydney Turf Club ..... Sat. 2  
(At Canterbury Park)  
A.J.C. (Warwick Farm) ..... Sat. 9  
Sydney Turf Club ..... Sat. 16  
(At Rosehill)  
Sydney Turf Club ..... Sat. 23  
(At Rosehill)

### MARCH

Sydney Turf Club ..... Sat. 1  
(At Canterbury Park)  
A.J.C. (Warwick Farm) ..... Sat. 8  
Sydney Turf Club ..... Sat. 15  
(At Canterbury Park)  
Sydney Turf Club ..... Sat. 22  
(At Rosehill)  
Sydney Turf Club ..... Sat. 29  
(At Rosehill)

### APRIL

A.J.C. (Warwick Farm) ..... Sat. 5  
\*Australian Jockey Club ..... Sat. 12  
\*Australian Jockey Club ..... Mon. 14  
\*Australian Jockey Club ..... Wed. 16  
\*Australian Jockey Club ..... Sat. 19  
\*(Autumn Meeting)  
City Tattersall's Club ..... Sat. 26  
(At Randwick)



## BASEBALL

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to prevent any man from making a run by deceptive pitching, catching a hit ball, touching a runner off-base while holding the ball, or, in certain cases, throwing ahead of the runner so that another team-member may step on the plate the runner is making for, while holding the ball. Normally, each team completes nine innings to make a game.

The pitcher must pitch the ball to go over the 17 in. wide plate, and between the height of the batter's armpit and knees. Each time he does so without the ball being hit is a "strike," and three strikes is "out." If a ball is outside the plate, but the batter swings at it, that also is a strike. If not, a ball outside the plate, too high or too low, is a "ball," and four balls mean the player at bat and others at base ahead of him, are advanced one base. The balls are called by

an umpire placed just behind the Catcher.

A ball hit into foul counts as a "strike," except when two strikes have already been called. A ball hit and caught, whether in foul or fair, is out. If the player at bat hits the ball fair he must run for first base whether he wants to or not — and any player of his team on base already must run ahead of him to second and so on.

Baseball, like cricket, can become immensely complex and scientific. Keyman of the side is the Catcher, who calls the balls the pitcher is to make with a series of pre-arranged signals. A hit, or a "bunt"—that is a deliberate tap-down to enable a player further around the bases to get to home plate, all call for a complex series of throws; first to protect from any opponent getting to home plate, and second, to put the maximum number of players at bat out. It's a joy to watch the swift and amazing teamwork of a top-ranking team as they throw the ball incredibly fast to each other. Much of the freedom of throwing is induced by the fact that the catcher wears a leather catchers' mitt, and protective leg and chest pads and a face mask; first base wears a large catching glove, and the others in the field each a rather smaller glove, as prescribed in the rules.

In baseball, there isn't quite the interest of the duel between bowler and batsman as in cricket. The pitcher is partly controlled by the fact that particular balls are called for by the catcher. His repertoire normally consists of a "fast" ball, a change-of-pace ball, and one or more of a series of "specials" — a curve ball, a knuckle ball, a screw ball, a fork ball or a slider. A good pitcher's control is amazing; he can place his pitch in

the exact spot within the imaginary rectangle the rules prescribe, as called for by the catcher. When he pitches, his foot must be in contact with the pitchers' plate or the pitch is a balk — and all runners on base move on one. Before the first pitch he takes a "warm up," swings his arms round and round to loosen up in the typical gesture we've seen so often on the movies. After the first pitch, he is more cautious, or a runner on base may attempt to "steal" while the pitcher is engrossed in thinking of his next pitch.

Substitution is allowed, as in most American games, but the batting order must remain the same throughout each innings, with the substitute taking the place of the man he is deputising for. If the first three men to bat are out, in the next time to bat the innings starts with number four, and so on.

So that, very roughly, is the game of baseball according to the rules. But there are several other very important differences between baseball and cricket. Provision is made for coaches to be on the field right in the play; their running comments, and the stream of good-humoured insult and abuse that is showered on opponents by coaches, players and spectators are integral parts of the game. All, however, combine against the umpires, of which there are several — the chief one behind the catcher, others at each base; favourite comment when any decision is made is "Murder the Bum" — in unison. There was even a baseball picture of that theme and title out here recently.

All in all, baseball is fascinating to watch and listen to, if you know enough about it to appreciate the many subtleties. But it certainly isn't cricket, old boy — it certainly isn't cricket!

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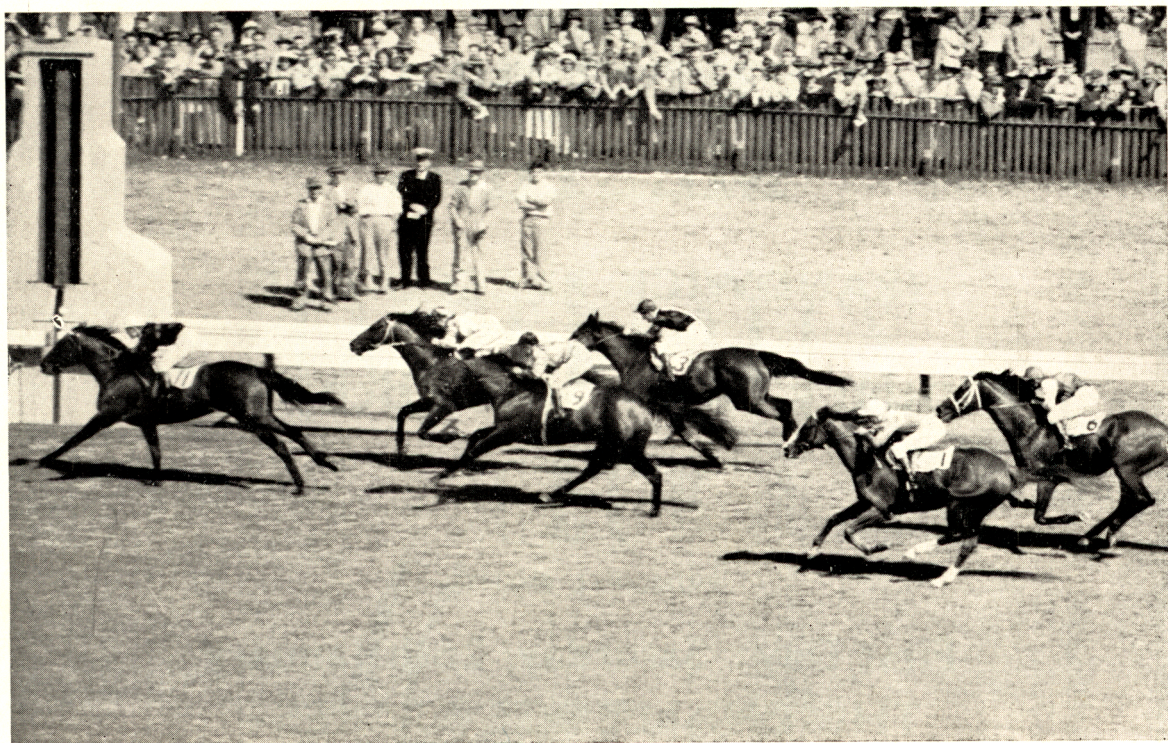
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# PICTURE OF THE MONTH



## ***20-1 Taressa wins Club Cup for N.Z. Owners***

*Tattersall's Club Cup, run on the second day of the Club's New Year meeting (January 1), was won by Taressa. Owned by Sir John and Mr. J. C. Fletcher, of New Zealand, Taressa is a brown filly by Balloch-Caithness. Ridden by R. Selkrig and carrying 7 st. 4 lbs., Taressa passed the post a length and a quarter ahead of Revenue, with Sea Wolf a half length away third.*

(Photo, courtesy "Sydney Morning Herald")



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